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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The informal drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. Accordingly, replacement drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to this Office action. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action.

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2. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because: Figure 2 is so overcrowded that it is not possibly to ascertain what reference numbers belong to what elements, how the elements fit together to form the invention, or which lines belong to the invention and which lines are extraneous lines. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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